

IN THE MATTER OF THE * BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF HWAN SUNWOO *
AND YUNJUNG SUNWOO, ON * BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
BEHALF OF ASTEVAN, INC., t/a *
DOBBIN SQUARE LIQUORS, FOR A * FOR
TRANSFER OF A CLASS A-1 BEER, *
WINE, AND LIQUOR 7-DAY OFF-SALE * HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
LICENSE *

DECISION AND ORDER

The Board of License Commissioners for Howard County, Maryland (the “Liquor Board”), pursuant to Rule 1.02(A) of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, has delegated the authority to hear and decide cases to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board for Howard County, Maryland (the “Hearing Board”).

On October 28, 2014, the Hearing Board heard the application of Hwan Sunwoo and Yunjung Sunwoo (“Applicants”), on behalf of Astevan, Inc., t/a Dobbin Square Liquors (“Astevan, Inc.”), for a transfer of the Class A-1 Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day off-sale license, currently held by Teresa Harvey, Thanh Tuy Chiu, and Peter Bac Dinh Nguyen, on behalf of Dobbin Square Liquors, LLC, t/a Dobbin Square Liquors, for a 1,927 square foot package goods store located at 6480 B Dobbin Center Way, Columbia, Maryland 21045. The hearing was properly advertised pursuant to Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicants were not represented by an attorney. There were no Protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

All the documents on file were incorporated into the record by reference. These include the following: a memorandum dated October 14, 2014, from Applicant, Hyun Sunwoo, to the Liquor Board Administrator informing her that the ad which needed to be placed in the Times did not run on the first required date, and asking that the Applicants be allowed to continue on schedule; a letter dated October 21, 2014, from the Liquor Board Administrator to the Applicants approving their request to go forward with the scheduled hearing, with the understanding that the record be held open until the final legal advertisement was completed; a cover sheet listing the application packet contents; the

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Hae Park, Korean translator, was sworn in.

Hwan Sunwoo, Vice President and 10% shareholder of Astevan, Inc., was sworn and testified that he is the proposed resident agent, that he has lived in Howard County for more than two years, and that he is a registered voter. Mr. Sunwoo testified that Yunjung Sunwoo's husband is his brother's son.

Mr. Sunwoo testified that there is a public need for Dobbin Square Liquors, as there has been a liquor store at that location since 2008. Mr. Sunwoo testified that the store has approximately 4,100 transactions per month, and that they offer a wide selection of products.

Mr. Sunwoo testified that the hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., and Sunday, 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Mr. Sunwoo testified that they have three full-time employees, and one part-time employee.

Mr. Sunwoo testified that he does not feel there is a negative effect on the surrounding businesses because they are not a source of competition.

Mr. Sunwoo testified that they do not have a negative effect on the surrounding community, as there are no homes nearby, and they do not allow any loitering.

Mr. Sunwoo testified that he feels he is a fit and proper person to hold a liquor license. Mr. Sunwoo testified that he has lived in Ellicott City for 27 years, and is alcohol awareness certified. Mr. Sunwoo testified that he has studied the Maryland laws and the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, and that he will make sure that all laws are followed. Mr. Sunwoo testified that they have an employee manual, which all employees are required to sign. Mr. Sunwoo testified that he will work in the store once per week to learn and understand the business. Mr. Sunwoo testified that he plans to make surprise visits to Dobbin Square Liquors to make sure they are operating properly.

Junyoung Sunwoo, President, Secretary, Treasurer and 90% shareholder of Astevan, Inc., was sworn and testified that she lives in Howard County, and that she came to the United States in 2007. Ms. Sunwoo testified that she observed the prior owner operate so that she could learn the business. Ms. Sunwoo testified that she is alcohol awareness certified, and that she has reviewed the Liquor Board's Rules and Regulations with Mr. Johnson and Hae Park.

2. The Hearing Board finds that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board finds that Hwan Sunwoo has been a Howard County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, and a 10% shareholder of Astevan, Inc.

4. The Hearing Board finds that the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

5. The Hearing Board finds that the granting of this application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents in the neighborhood.

* CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Hearing Board concludes that Hwan Sunwoo and Yunjung Sunwoo, on behalf of Astevan, Inc., t/a Dobbin Square Liquors, have applied for a transfer of the Class A-1 Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day off-sale license, currently held by Teresa Harvey, Thanh Tuy Chiu and Peter Bac Dinh Nguyen, on behalf of Dobbin Square Liquors, LLC, t/a Dobbin Square Liquors, for a 1,927 square foot package goods store located at 6480 B Dobbin Center Way, Columbia, Maryland 21045.

2. The Hearing Board concludes that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board concludes that Hwan Sunwoo meets the requirements of Rules 1.09(T), 1.09(U), 2.06, and 2.10 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations concerning resident agent qualifications.

4. The Hearing Board concludes that the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

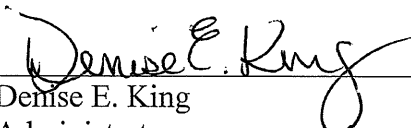
5. The Hearing Board concludes that the granting of the application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents in the neighborhood.


ORDER


For the foregoing reasons, it is this 19th day of November 2014, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, Maryland **ORDERED** that the application of Hwan Sunwoo and Yunjung Sunwoo, on behalf of Astevan, Inc., t/a Dobbin Square Liquors, for a transfer of the Class A-1 Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-day off-sale license, currently held by Teresa Harvey, Thanh Tuy Chiu and Peter Bac Dinh Nguyen, on behalf of

ATTEST:

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

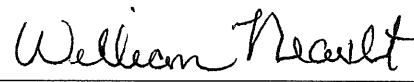

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REVIEWED BY HOWARD COUNTY
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ABSENT

Charley C. Sung, Member